



Goodman Honor Roll

Bob J. Andrews, principal of New Hope Junior High School, would like to announce the Honor Roll for the 5th week:

KINDERGARTEN
A & B Honor Roll:
Andy Baker, Kyle Grantham, Alonzo Smith, Timothy Smith, Ashley Thomas, Cameca Rodgers, Elliott Liptror

Veronica Wheeler

FIFTH GRADE
A & B Honor Roll:
Denise Flowers, Jeffrey Flowers, Chris Dewberry, April Gibson, Camille Haynes

Goodman School Menu

MAY 7 - 11

Breakfast

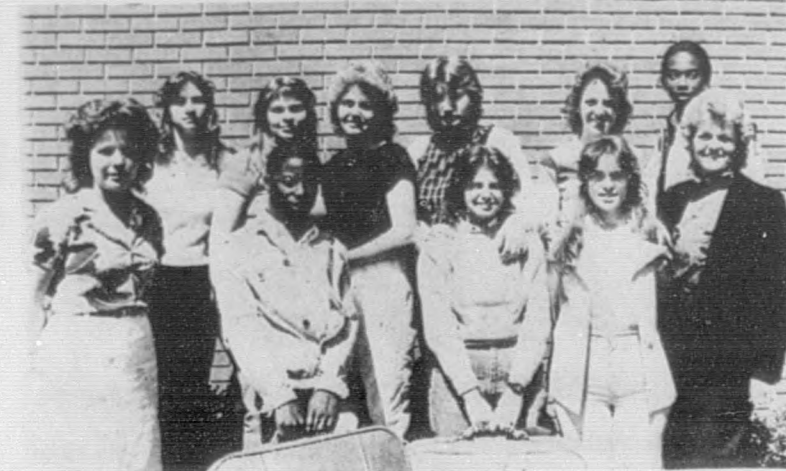
Monday - Cereal, Juice and Milk
Tuesday - Grits and cheese, Juice and milk
Wednesday - Biscuit and Sausage, Jelly, Juice, and Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Cheese Slice
Friday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Beef Hash, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Tuesday - Vegetable Soup, Cheese Slice, Crackers, Peach Cobbler, Milk
Wednesday - Hotdogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Milk
Thursday - Chili w/beans, Crackers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Turkey Roast, June Peas, Corn, Dressing, Milk

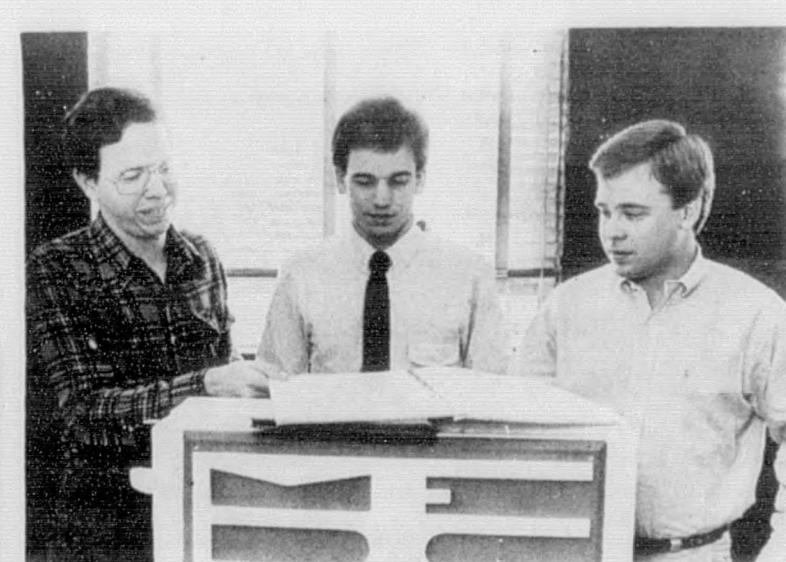
THIRD GRADE
All A's
Freddie Till, Jason Koch
A & B Honor Roll:
Kecia Griffin, Danny Ray Hussey, Betty Joe Acreman, Angie Ellis

FOURTH GRADE
All A's
A & B Honor Roll:
Sherry Costner, Tabitha Pritchett, Lashondra Rodgers, Derek Snellgrove, Roxanne Turner



HOSA ATTENDS DISTRICT COMPETITION - Ten students from the Coffee County chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and their chapter advisor, Peggy Waldrop, from the Area Vocational Center in New Brockton, attended district competition Saturday, March 31, at Auburn University. Students and their areas of competition were: First Aid-CPR Team: Clifford Cole, Jackie Rodgers; Medical Spelling: Bridget Dalrymple; Job-Seeking Skills: Jeanine Rodgers; HOSA Brain Bowl Team: Gayle Stewart, Dawn Cawley, Lisa Smith and Keith Cain. Lisa Baggett and Debra Carter attended the district competition as members of the competitive events committee. Students from Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel High Schools take part in the Coffee County HOSA chapter which is a student organization for high school Health Occupations Education programs.

(Photo Coffee County Schools)



L-R: Michael Kingery, John Hall and Russ Cash discuss the energy cost-savings study they are conducting for McElrath Farms, Inc. in Albertville. . . Most of the design problems that confront University of Alabama mechanical engineering students come from textbooks. But what they tackle in Dr. Lee Harrisberger's senior 20-design clinic comes straight out of the factory. More than 85 companies have participated in the senior design clinic since its inception in 1978. Students work as consultants, attempting to solve a specific design problem facing their company. The companies pay students' expenses such as visits to industry sites and phone calls. After working out the details, the students make a formal presentation to company management. The three men pictured are working to reduce electric and fuel costs at the poultry processing plant in Albertville. Cash things the experience of working in the industrial environment is good. "School doesn't give you practical aspects. It only gives you the theory," he said. He added, "We're gaining practical experience and now we know what it's like to be in the industrial environment. This will be invaluable when it's time to get a job."

New Brockton Honor Roll

FOREMAN
All A's
Cornelius Burrows, Karen Harrison

A & B
Jason Edwards, Natasha Edwards, Dale Averett, Amy DeVaughan, Patrice Williams, Aric Brooks, Tammie Lindsey, Cande Moore, Chad Kilpatrick

OWENS
All A's
Connie Lawson, Brooke Hart, Natalie Addison

HARRIS
All A's
Tiffany Andrews, Candice Creel, Melissa Harrison, Timothy Rodgers, Jay Schug, Andy Sims, Carina Smith, Julie Watson

BRYAN
All A's
Todd Boland, Angela Garrison, Mandy Lassiter, Matt Rodgers, Tom Sims, Angela Smith, Amy Tindol

A & B
Scott Addison, Pace Holley, Kindra Kilow

McCALL
All A's
LaKesha Haynes, Gena Edwards

A & B
Jessie Capps, Diana Platt, Amanda Lunsford, John Pittman, Casey Smith, Luciana Pouncey, Frankie Lott, Stephanie Baker, Andy Blackmon, Ammy Garcia, Chris Green, Sharon Bloodworth

VAUGHAN
All A's
Tina Watson

A & B
Chris Brooks, Hope Speigler

HENEVELD
All A's
Mark Edgar

A & B
Sustie Carran, Kristine Merritt, Holley Strickland, Jennifer Wilson, Toby Wilkinson

HONOR
HONOR ROLL
FOURTH GRADE

All A's
Broderick Andrews, Kim Ziglar, Linda Smith, Cynthia Pouncey, Amy Farris, Terry Patman

A & B
Johnny Flowers, Stephanie Foster, Shawn Wesley, Misty Hawkins, Neal Adkinson, Sherrie Caldwell, Brent Griffin, Stephanie Williams, Hunter Harris, Mark Johnson

FIFTH GRADE
All A's
Susan Cardwell, Cinda Davis, Robert Harris, Chris Lassiter, Jessica Rodgers

A & B
Amy Blanton, Detrich Horstead, Hayden Peacock, Phillip Rodgers, Angie Wiggins

WAKEFIELD
All A's
Neal Hardwick, William Moguel

A & B
Freddie Brust, Kim Cooper, Wade Danford, Annette Pettus, Billy Riley, Michael Smith, Timmy Brown, Kim Caraway

SIXTH GRADE
All A's
Todd Boland, Angela Garrison, Mandy Lassiter, Matt Rodgers, Tom Sims, Angela Smith, Amy Tindol

A & B
Chris Fuller, Charence Henderson, Kevin Kelley, Mechie Knox

WALKER
All A's
Lamar Goosby, Laura Lunsford

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Becky Farris, Joanna Flowers, Matthew Gaylor, Dennis Jackson, Tripp Marshall, Ginger Walls

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Industrial Appreciation Day Set For Saturday, May 12

Downtown Elba will come to life on Saturday, May 12, when area industries, local craftsmen and hundreds of spectators will converge on the courthouse square to take part in the third annual Industrial Appreciation Day, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Existing industries will be on hand with displays and representatives to make the public better aware of their products; at press time a total of 37 industries had been allocated space along the square.

An arts and crafts show will be held on the grassed area near the courthouse, and visitors will be able to view and purchase such items as home-made dolls, ceramics, baked goods, woodworking, antiques, basket weaving and silk beads from over 24 exhibitors.

A day filled with entertainment is also planned, with the entertainment schedule to be as follows:

8:30 - 9:15 - First Baptist Youth Choir
9:15 - 10:00 - The King's Four
10:00 - 10:45 - Florence Barnes and Friends
10:45 - 11:30 - The Voices of Joy
11:30 - 12:15 - Westside Baptist Youth Choir
12:15 - 1:00 - Elba High Marching Tiger Band
1:00 - 1:45 - Elba Taekwondo Club
1:45 - 3:00 - Back Creek Country, featuring Roger Boothe and Carlton Bowdon

The Back Creek Country band will move to the city park at 3:30 and entertain for those enjoying the delicious catfish supper. Tickets

may be purchased in advance at city hall and will be sold at the park on Saturday. Tickets are \$4 adults and \$2.50 children.

The second annual Pea River Bass Tournament will start bright and early at 6 a.m., with a total of 34 boats set to hit the water with two-man teams. The tournament will conclude with the weigh-in at 3 p.m., with WTVY's Red Holland doing the officiating. Cash prizes, trophies and fishing equipment will go to the top fishermen, plus a special prize to the angler catching the "Big Fish."

"We're expecting more fish to be caught than last year," said tournament director Jackie Farmer. "The fish have had plenty of time to grow, and river conditions should be excellent. I wouldn't be surprised if someone caught a nine-pound bass."

Another activity for the sports-minded will be National Security's second annual 10,000-meter run. The race will begin at 8 a.m. at city hall, and those wishing to enter may do so at city hall. Advance registration is \$4 and registration on race day will be \$5. T-shirts will go to the first 100 entrants, and trophies will go to the top finishers in all divisions.

Remember - Elba will be the place to be Saturday. So come down to the courthouse square between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to see the displays and crafts, then go across the bridge to the park and enjoy catfish, listen to Back Creek Country and visit with Red Holland. Heck, why would you want to be anywhere else?

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Foster grandparent Alonia Jones works with students at Elba Elementary School.

Foster Grandparents Honored During Volunteers Week

Gov. George C. Wallace has proclaimed the week of May 6-12 as National Volunteer Week in Alabama, and one special group of volunteers who deserve special recognition is the Foster Grandparents program who aid teachers at Elba Elementary School.

The Foster Grandparents program was created in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, and the purpose of the program is to provide meaningful part-time volunteer work for low-income people over 60 years of age. It gives the volunteer a chance to work with children who need the warmth available only through personal attention.

Gov. Wallace stated, "Voluntary participation is a powerful force for the creative use of human resources and for the solution of human problems. Volunteering is giving - one of the greatest joys of life; and giving is in itself flavored with divinity."

Elba Elementary School principal Sara Sharpless called the Foster Grandparents "one of the best things that ever happened in special education. They come in and break the children into groups and provide individual attention."

Six foster grandparents work at Elba Elementary and all enjoy their work -- just ask 'em!



One Injured In Two-Car Wreck

A two-car collision last Thursday morning shortly after 8 a.m., put one person in the hospital with cuts and bruises. The accident happened during the adverse weather, and state trooper R. W. Whitworth listed the torrential rain and wind as major contributing factors to the accident. Hospitalized was Miss Donna Brown, who was enroute to George C. Wallace Jr. College. Driver of the other car was Mrs. Flora Bell of Enterprise. The accident happened on Highway 84, about a mile outside the city limits.

The Elba Clipper Receives Two

Awards In Newspaper Contest

Winners of the Alabama Press Association Better Newspaper Contest were announced recently by Tom Wright, editor of *The Decatur Daily* and chairman of the APA contest committee, and included among the winners was *The Elba Clipper* which received two awards.

A total of 62 Alabama newspapers submitted 1718 entries in 22 categories, and the winners will be honored at the APA summer convention July 20-22 in Gulf Shores.

In the category of "Best Editorial" in a weekly newspaper, *The Elba Clipper* received the third place award for the editorial "Can Coffee

City School Board Releases

Calendar For 1984-85 Year

The Elba City School Board met last Thursday evening and took

action on renewing contracts of teachers and support personnel. The action is routine each year, with tenured teachers getting renewal letters and non-tenured teachers getting letters of non-renewal. This year support personnel was added to the list and in Elba 15 teachers and 10 support personnel got the letters of non-renewal of contract.

Supt. John Osburn said a special meeting would be held on May 17. If the legislature has passed the education budget and the property tax vote next Tuesday is favorable, he will recommend going ahead and rehiring all the non-tenured personnel possible.

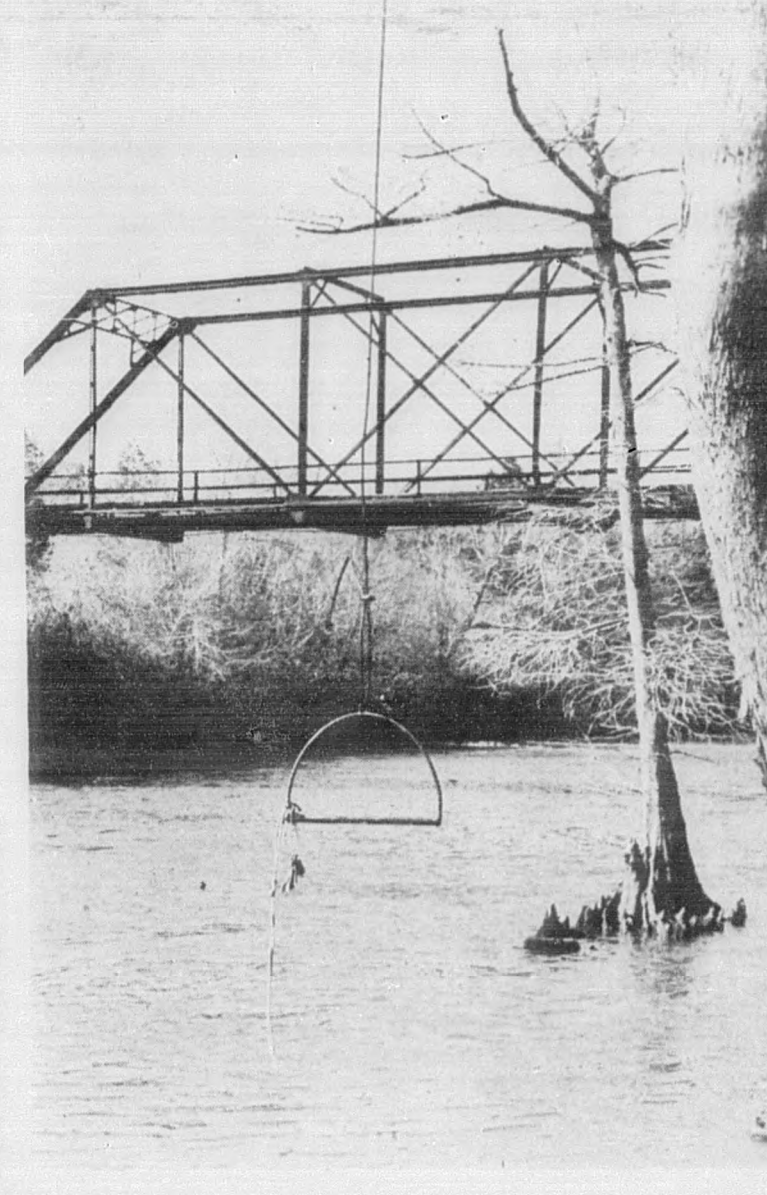
The retirement of Mrs. Maggie Dean Marshall was also announced. She is presently serving as a kindergarten teacher.

The 1984-85 school calendar was adopted with school beginning on August 24, 1984, and ending on Thursday, May 30, 1985. The start of school was delayed one week for next year due to the remodeling that is in progress.

Rabid Coon Killed Near Jack

A rabid raccoon was killed this week near Jack. The animal reportedly came up near a home, was acting strangely and a homeowner killed the animal. However, after shooting the raccoon, the man reportedly handled it with his bare hands and may be required to take the rabies shots.

Local veterinarian Wayne Mancil said Wednesday morning that people need to be extremely cautious around strange-acting wildlife or pets.



LAST SUMMER OF USE . . . This old swing hanging from a tree at a popular swimming hole at Cole's Bridge will get one more summer of use, but will then give way to progress when a new bridge will span the area. The old bridge pictured will remain to allow future generations a glimpse of the past; however, the swing will have to find a new limb to support its many friends.

Work To Begin Soon On New Structure To Replace Cole's Bridge

The long-awaited construction of a new bridge at Snellgrove's Mill, near the New Hope Community, may begin soon now that the State Highway Department has officially awarded a contract to a Montgomery construction firm.

The contract, for approximately half a million dollars, was awarded to New Mac, low bidder among several companies.

The bridge, which spans a popular swimming hole in the Pea River, will be left standing and the new bridge will be built next to the existing structure.

According to Coffee County engineer Frank Charlton, the bid was over \$100,000 less than expected. The construction will be financed with oil lease windfall money, federal and secondary funds for two years, state funds and approximately \$100,000 in county funds.

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Brainstorms.....

With Ferrin Cox

A friend mailed us a copy of an article from USA Today. It concerned studies of tight jeans causing inflammation and extreme pain because of pressure on the cutaneous nerve (runs from the lower spine to the thigh, they say). This doctor in Switzerland noted the problem in teenagers when 11 out of 12 patients on which he performed surgery wore tight jeans. The article was sent to us because the observation was also made in an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association where the same symptoms in "a number of truck drivers, most of whom were obese and wore tight-fitting denim jeans." Now, most of us recall Jim Boyce from his days of practice in Elba. He is a nice guy, but he almost started meddling when his observations included obese (fat) in his description. We have been overweight (not fat) all our life, and even though we don't wear jeans - tight or loose - already we are feeling a pain down our right leg from the 4-4-4-4-4 something-or-other these jeans.

The Russians have boycotted the Olympics, more than likely because we did it to them four years ago. While we don't really care if they ever attend another Olympic game, we regret that any country, including the U.S., gets politics wrapped up in international sports. Hail to Jimmy Carter!

The Alabama legislature has narrowly passed a bill increasing the state income tax from five percent to six percent. Since this is a constitutional amendment, the voters will have the final say-so, but with the power George Wallace has over the masses in Alabama, we still believe it will pass. He told members of a convention this week that they should spread the word to the goons; but who out there believes that the "big man" isn't going to add to his prices enough to overcome this additional tax... or the pending added property tax on the "big man". We expect both to pass ultimately, and wonder what in this world will happen to that just-passed education budget with the 15 percent pay raise for teachers if they don't pass.

This is the week for Industrial Appreciation Day in Elba, and Saturday is the big day. Sixty-eight bass fishermen will start the festivities at 6 a.m. Saturday as they pit skills with their friends on Pea River for a host of prizes. Then the dedicated runners will strike out cross-country in the second annual National Security run. The arts and crafts displays, industrial displays, etc., and then the catfish supper under the river bridge with Red Holland as MC for the fish weigh-in will conclude the day. We invite those interested to join in the festivities. Y'all come!

There is an important, but non-controversial tax vote coming up in Coffee County next Tuesday. Several property taxes that have been on the books for many years are due to expire if not re-voted by the citizens of the county. These taxes are earmarked for the local schools and are almost a requirement. We have found no opposition, as most people realize that our public education system is vital to the survival of civilization as we know it today. We are proud to think that we have always been a strong supporter of public education, even when we know it can never be all things to all people. We hasten to make sure we are on public record as supporting this tax renewal and urge the citizens of Coffee County to vote YES on each of the three proposals... they will NOT cause your property taxes to increase.

Qualifying begins next Monday, May 14, for candidates in the Elba city election. Candidates for these offices may fill out the qualifying papers at city hall; there is no charge to qualify. We keep hearing names of potential candidates for the council positions, but it is putting their name on the dotted line that tells the true story of their candidacy. We have no idea how many of those mentioned will actually qualify, nor how many will qualify that we didn't expect, but most races will apparently be sought by more than one candidate. It is nice manners to wish them all luck... and this we do, but more strongly we wish the people of Elba luck in their selection of leaders for the next four years.

We all like to hear compliments on our children... 'cause we can't help but feel we are responsible for anything they do correctly. Well, Monday afternoon my dear wife was hearing some good words on one of our children which was fine, but the conversation was climaxed with a question of "What talents does their dad have?" It seems this preacher who posed the question didn't know anything I could do except write *Brainstorms*... and he didn't express great enthusiasm over that ability. I guess we will just mark that preacher off our list of people to speak to when we meet him on the street!

One Killed In Helicopter Crash Near Newton

A helicopter crash early Wednesday morning claimed the life of a Ft. Rucker pilot. The crash occurred about four-and-a-half miles southwest of Newton. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but was under investigation by the U.S. Army Safety Center at Ft. Rucker. Ft. Rucker officials explained that the pilot was on a solo training mission when the fatal crash occurred about 7 a.m. The name of the victim had not been released pending notification of next of kin. The cause of the TH-55 crash was not immediately known, but was under investigation by the U.S. Army Safety Center at Ft. Rucker.

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Letters To The Editor

To: Members and Friends of the Elba Chamber of Commerce

On Thursday, April 19, 1984, the Board of Directors of the Elba Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorsed the re-voting of the county wide and district school taxes, which are scheduled for election on Tuesday, May 15, 1984. Please allow us your time to explain how desperately we need to continue these taxes.

Each voter in the entire county will have an opportunity to vote on a one mill and a four mill tax which make up the total five mill county wide school tax. Residents of Coffee County have been paying these taxes for some fifty years. Depending upon the place of your residence, be it in the county, Enterprise, or Elba, each voter will vote on a district school tax of six mills. This is in addition to the county wide tax previously mentioned. Therefore, you have the opportunity to vote to continue some eleven mills of school tax which have been on the books for many years.

At the present time, based on figures compiled from the Alabama State Department of Education and published by the Montgomery Advertiser, the Elba City School system ranks 115th of 127 total school systems in the amount of money per pupil expenditure provided for public education. In other words, only 12 places from the bottom. If we lose these existing eleven mills of local tax on Tuesday, May 15, we will find ourselves at the very bottom of the list in the state. I think we all realize that this is not a very enviable position to be in, nor does it reflect what the people of Elba think of their children.

Please allow us to ask you to go to the polls on May 15, and vote yes for the continuation of the school taxes on the ballot. Also, would you encourage your employees and friends to do the same. You vote yes, and we all win vote no and we find ourselves in last place in the entire State of Alabama indicating what we think of the education of our children and the progress of our City.

With Warmest Regards,
Paula L. Stokes, Chamber President;
Paula Stokes Mims, Director; Myrna Rhoades, Chairman of Board; John W. Osburn, Superintendent of Elba City Schools

Dear Ferrin:
Alabama State Senator Danny Corbett has introduced legislation to

the full Senate is to concentrate on assisting the victim and helping all people learn to be more responsible for themselves, rather than putting energy into helping those people who seemingly are unwilling to try to help themselves.

I agree, the 90-days without a license is a hardship, but I disagree that "it places too much hardship on first-time offenders." I guess Senator Corbett is luckier than many and hasn't had to be concerned with first-time victims, like me. My penalty will far exceed 90 days without a driver's license. My penalty will include 90 days and more away from work; 90 days and more without income, and possibly a lifetime with no vision in one eye. What about those victims who may never use an arm or leg again?

There are alternatives to drinking and to drugs. What alternatives do victims have when they are disabled and cannot go to work? Who pays bills? Their children?... Who pays bills?

My suggestion to the Senator and

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SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
MAY 15, 1984

Column 1

SPECIAL 1-MILL, 30-YEAR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 15, 1984

Shall the County Commission or other governing body of Coffee County, Alabama, have the power to levy and collect a special county tax of not exceeding ten cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property in Coffee County, Alabama, for the support of public schools within Coffee County, Alabama for a period of thirty (30) years commencing with the tax year beginning on October 1, 1984 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 1985) and continuing to and including the tax year beginning on October 1, 2013 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2014), said levy, if so authorized, not to operate to increase any present special county school tax at the rate of ten cents on each one hundred dollars of such taxable property, but to be in lieu thereof?

FOR PROPOSED TAXATION ☒

AGAINST PROPOSED TAXATION ☐

SPECIAL 4-MILL, 30-YEAR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 15, 1984

Shall the County Commission or other governing body of Coffee County, Alabama, have the power to levy and collect a special county tax of not exceeding forty cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property in Coffee County, Alabama, for public school purposes in Coffee County, Alabama for a period of thirty (30) years commencing with the tax year beginning on October 1, 1984 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 1985) and continuing to and including the tax year beginning on October 1, 2013 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2014), said levy, if so authorized, not to operate to increase any present special county school tax at the rate of forty cents on each one hundred dollars of such taxable property, but to be in lieu thereof?

FOR PROPOSED TAXATION ☒

AGAINST PROPOSED TAXATION ☐

SPECIAL 30-YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 15, 1984

Shall the County Commission or other governing body of Coffee County, Alabama, have the power to levy and collect a special district tax at the rate of seventy cents (\$0.70) on each one hundred dollars of taxable property in School District One in said Coffee County, Alabama, outside the corporate limits of the Cities of Elba and Enterprise therein, for public school purposes for the Coffee County school system within said District, for a period of thirty (30) years commencing with the tax year beginning on October 1, 1984 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 1985), and continuing to and including the tax year beginning on October 1, 2013 (for which state and county taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2014)?

FOR PROPOSED TAXATION ☒

AGAINST PROPOSED TAXATION ☐

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Frozen MORTON POT PIES 8 oz. **\$1.00** limit 4

Good Value Frozen PIZZA 10 oz. **69c**

Sea Pak Frozen HUSHPUPPIES 1 lb. **81c**

Sea Pak Frozen PERCH FILLETS lb. **\$1.99**

Birdseye Frozen COOL WHIP 8 oz. **79c**

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Everyday Down Price
Pillsbury Ready To Spread FROSTING 16 oz. **\$1.41**

Everyday Down Price
Del Monte PINEAPPLE 15.25 oz. **69c**



JUDY FULLER of Elba is presented a Special Act or Service award Thursday, April 26 at Ft. Rucker by the post commander, Maj. Gen. Bobby J. Maddox. Fuller is secretary to the Deputy Installation Commander. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. 4 Kelly Longhine)

Rucker Awards Ceremony Honors Civilian Employees

The quarterly civilian awards ceremony was held Thursday, April 26, at Fort Rucker, and commanding general, Maj. Gen. Bobby J. Maddox, praised the civilian employees for their dedication.

Those from this area receiving the Commander's Award were

Donald C. Egerton, Jack; Jerry W. Byrd of Enterprise, both with Signal Battalion, Army Communications Command (USACC), and Leon E. Wisnoco of Enterprise, Department of Enlisted Training (DOET).

A Special Act or Service Award was presented to Elba resident Judy Fuller.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of May 1 through 7 include the following: Margaret Grayson, Gary Daughtry, Dana Armstrong, Mike McKee, Euleeda V. Bess, Otis M. Andrews, Era Driggers, Willie Dyess, Donna Brown, Mary Stephens, M. Brunson, Shirley Grant, Calvin Bodford, Violet Jones, Timothy Miller, Johnny Richardson.

Those discharged during the same period of time include:

Mary Carlie, Ludwig Miller, Mary Ellis, Gary Parker, Wade Parker, Billy Peterson, Charles Copeland, Euleeda V. Bess, Mary Frances Daniels, Gary Daughtry, Paul Hughey, Alice Lindsey, Jimmie Lee Barrow, Myrtle Holloway, Mattie Crook, Rex Berry, J. B. Mills, Ginny Sanders, Margaret Grayson, Dana Armstrong, Donna Brown, Thomas Spivey, Grady Grantham, Vickie L. Robbins, Elvester Johnson, Robbie Graham, Violet Jones, Jesse Robinson, Barbara McDowell, Emma Haynes, Nellie Cauley, Wallace Belcher, Mike McKee, Mary Nell Stephens, Idell Scarbrough, Timothy Miller, Roxanne Sasser, Michael Nelson, Diane E. Williamson, Calvin Bodford, Shirley Grant, Johnny Richardson, Charles J. Adkinson, Vaniel S. Nelson, Otis Andrews.

Card Of Thanks

May we thank each one of you who brought food, gave flowers, and for the words of comfort to us during the recent sorrow of losing our mother, Mrs. Sally Davis. Thanks again and God bless you.

HER FAMILY

5-10-11p

Middle School

Menu

MAY 14 - 18

BREAKFAST
Monday - Grits, Toast, Sausage, Milk
Tuesday - Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Honey Bun, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Jelly, Sausage, Milk
Friday - Cereal, Half Banana, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Onions and Cheese, Peanut Butter Krispy Krunchies, Milk
Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Peach Half, Milk
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Buttered Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, Jello, Milk
Thursday - Ground Beef Casserole, Vegetable Stick, Bread, Pear, Milk
Friday - Fish, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Lemon Pudding, Bread, Milk

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LITTLE MISS ZION CHAPEL . . . Winning the crown of Little Miss Zion Chapel Tuesday, May 1, was Alice Amanda Pope, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pope. With her new Little Miss is second runner-up Angela Hope Eddins, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Eddins and first runner-up Corrie Michelle Hanks, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hanks. (Coffee County School photo)



MISS ZION CHAPEL . . . Sharon Mobley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Mobley, was crowned Miss Zion Chapel Tuesday, May 1. She is shown with her court: first runner-up Tabatha Morris, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mack Morris; and second runner-up, Jackie Rodgers, right, daughter of Jane Rodgers. Miss Mobley won the evening wear and swimsuit competition; Miss Morris the casual wear, and Miss Rodgers the interview. (Coffee County School photo)

Judge Paul To Be Guest Speaker At Pea River Historical Society

Judge Paul will be featured speaker at the meeting of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society on Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. in the courtroom at the courthouse in Elba.

James B. Jolley, president of the Society, says Judge Paul will speak on the value of court records in a family's history and in researching that history. "Families do not know

enough about the relationship of court records and their family history," said Jolley. This will also be the Society's annual meeting at which time election of officers for the new year will be held.

All residents of the county are invited to come out. Refreshments will be served and there will be a time for visiting.

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EARLY FILES

TEN YEARS AGO

MAY 3, 1974
***ZCHS: Outstanding elementary student Barbara Sue Stinson, fourth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stinson. She lives in the Spring Hill Community, near Troy.
***Chris Cooley celebrated his second birthday with a party at his home on Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Cooley III of Savannah, Georgia, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Cooley Jr. of Alexander City, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Murphy, Elba, and Mrs. Johnnie L. Murphy, Laverne.
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***Through the Keyhole, with Mrs. Robert Cannon: Homecoming at New Brocton is one of the highlights of the year, and of special interest is the visit of Mr. Olen B. Robertson, now of Town Creek, Alabama, who was beloved principal of New Brocton schools for many years. During his stay he was guest of Fred and Mary Young. Guests there included Peggy and James DeVane. Both Peggy and Mary taught with Mr. Robertson.

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Mr. Myers Resigns

BY: SHERRI LYNN CANCELLOR

Recently the students and faculty at Zion Chapel found out that band director, Randal Myers will be leaving the staff in June. Mr. Myers will be working with the Collegedale Church of Christ, as Campus Minister. He will be director of the Christian Student Center (CSC). This affiliated with Troy State by providing a Christian home away from home for college students. He will be in charge of a drama troupe called Portraits of Christ, a five voice contemporary gospel group called Majesty. He will be in charge of planning activities for the CSC, teaching Bible classes, and doing some public speaking.

Because of Mr. Myers' resignation, Superintendent, John W. Vaughn, came and spoke to the Z.C. Band Boosters. He assured the boosters that he would make sure the replacement would be well qualified for the position and he also reminded them that he has only the best interests of the students and parents in mind.

When asked for a summary of his career at Zion Chapel, Mr. Myers said, "I have grown to love so many people here at Zion Chapel and sincerely appreciate the opportunity I've had to work here. I have found the administration to be supportive."

Student Wins WIGC Contest

BY: WENDY NELSON

Sandra Fuller, one of Zion Chapel students, won two records from WIGC in Troy.

The two records that Sandra won were "Standing Back to Back" and "Drinking My Life Away." In order to win these records Sandra had to call WIGC and be the fifth caller. Holly LaPoint was the D.J. who was giving the records away.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF COFFEE COUNTY

We want to discuss with you in this edition of *The Elba Clipper* one of the most important issues to affect the children of Coffee County in the last twenty years. The issue of which we speak is of course the tax referendum for schools to be held on May 15, 1984. This tax is a continuation of taxes which have been in effect since 1901 and 1927. The taxes have been voted on by citizens of Coffee County every twenty or thirty years and have been continued repeatedly during this time. These taxes for education must be re-voted this year.

The vote will be to CONTINUE the existing tax - NOT TO INCREASE TAXES. State law provides that a county provide at least 10 mills of local tax support in order to participate in the state minimum program. In other words, if we do not vote for this continuation of the existing tax, then the school systems cannot receive state funds and therefore must cease to operate. The three school systems in Coffee County receive in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of state funds, of which 90 percent is spent within the boundaries of Coffee County. You can certainly see the benefit this is for the economy of this county. Nearly 1,000 people are employed by the three systems, which of course, means that the school systems are among the largest employers in the county. If state funds were lost, you can see the impact on the economy of this county.

Of course, the most disastrous effect of a negative vote would be upon the children of this county. A quality education is the most important thing we can provide our children. We know each of you realizes that we must insure that all our children are properly educated. The future of our wonderful county depends upon this. The three school systems within this county continue to lead the state with their educational programs. The test scores received by our students are always among the best. Our extra-curricular activities continue to be the best, as evidenced by the number of state championships won by our schools.

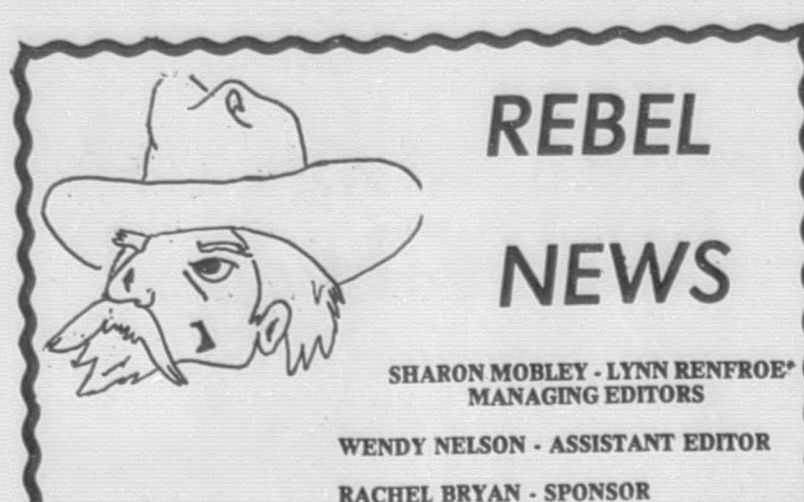
Your support is essential if we are to continue to have the best education opportunities for our children. We know that you will not fail our children -- you never have and we know you never will. It is most important that each of you go to the polls on May 15 to VOTE FOR OUR CHILDREN, that is - vote for the proposed taxation.

The important facts to remember in this election are as follows:

1. This is NOT a new tax.
2. No one will have to pay any additional tax, now or ever, because of this tax issue.
3. If the tax issue fails, schools will close. The Alabama State Law requires that a school system collect a minimum of 10 mills in order to receive state funds; therefore, if this tax issue failed, 10 mills would not be collected, state funds could not be received, and the schools would close.
4. When you vote, you will vote for THREE issues -- you must vote for all three in order to be voting for our children.

If you have any questions, suggestions or input concerning this tax referendum of May 15, please call your school principal or superintendent. We are anxious to hear from you.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by "Concerned Citizens for Coffee County Children", P.O. Box 1337, Kinston, AL 36453



Rebel 85 Officers Chosen

Janet Stewart, a Zion Chapel junior, has been elected editor of the 1985 yearbook.

Janet says that she is looking forward to serving as the REBELS editor and that she feels that it is a great honor to have been selected for this position. "All of the juniors on the annual staff are really excited about next year's yearbook. We are already making plans. We want REBEL 85 to be our own unique yearbook. Hopefully, it will be the best one yet!" she says.

Janet has just been selected to serve her second term as Beta Club treasurer and is about to complete her second term as president of the Future Homemakers of America.

She has also served as secretary for the F.H.A. Last year she was selected by Mrs. Elsie Hillon, F.H.A. advisor, to attend the annual Alabama Rural Electric Association Convention.

Janet holds memberships in the Science Club and Library Club. She served as Student Council Representative in junior high. This year she was selected for membership in the 4-H Gold Key Fraternity, a club for outstanding 4-H members. She has been in 4-H since the fourth grade

and has won contests in cooking, sewing and public speaking. She has held the offices of president, secretary and reporter in 4-H club and has received a 4-H Leadership Award.

Janet was a member of the Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band for two years, during which time she played the bells and the marimba. In the ninth grade she received the award for "Most Outstanding Jr. High Band Member." She received a superior rating at a Solo and Ensemble Festival which she participated in during her one year in concert band.

During the last year she has served as a junior member of both the REBEL 84 staff and the "Rebel News" staff. The sponsor Mrs. Rachel Bryan said, "Janet has been a great job writing news stories for the annual staff and the 'Rebel News'."

She was selected head copy writer for REBEL 84." She further stated, "I am very pleased with Janet's selection as editor. I'm sure next year will be very successful."

"I am looking forward to working with Wendy Nelson, business manager, and Kim Brunson, photographic coordinator, and appreciate the help the senior staff members and Mrs. Bryan have given me and the other juniors this year."

It's been a great year. Hopefully we can be of some inspiration to next year's junior member," said Janet.

Mrs. Bryan Has Sponsored Yearbook For Decade

Mrs. Rachel Bryan is in her tenth year as sponsor of the Zion Chapel Rebel annual staff.

When Mrs. Bryan first started the only experience she had behind her was some work on her high school yearbook and some work on the TSU Palladium in college. Most of the work she had done in college was typing.

The year before Mrs. Bryan became the Rebel sponsor, the yearbook staff had started having a beauty pageant to select a Campus Beauty and senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman beauties. During her first year as sponsor, the staff decided to pick a Campus Beauty and four runners-up from grades 9-12.

In addition to the Campus Beauty, there was also an Elementary Beauty and four runners up from grades K-6. In later years, a JR. Beauty division was added for grades 5-9. This allowed the middle grades to compete. The whole pageant proved to be a success and it has grown larger every year.

Since Mrs. Bryan began sponsoring the beauty pageant, she had had a great deal of help from several people. Mike Lindsey, Randal Myers, and Charles Smith have been her "front men" - providing entertainment and serving as emcee. Other than Mr. Smith, David Collins and Carlton Grant have each served as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Mary Herbert, Mrs. Patty Myers, and Mrs. Melinda Sanders have always helped with the contests' backstage. And of course without the cooperation of the faculty and administration, there could not have been a beauty pageant.

Besides changes in the beauty pageant, there have been changes in the yearbook. The staff changed to Paragon Press, a division of Herff Jones. Color pages were added. It began as eight pages. Every other page in the first 16 was in color. The Rebel yearbook has had color every year except 1976. Later eight more pages of color were added, giving the first 16 pages full color. Then eight pages of color were added in the last 16 pages to allow for color ads.

One year the yearbook contained 172 pages, but this was too expensive, so the staff dropped back to the 156 pages that it had been before and has been since.

Since the yearbook has been the method of selecting Who's Who.

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Mrs. Bryan said, "Being a yearbook sponsor has not been an easy job but it is one that has given me some of my fondest memories. I have had the privilege of working with some outstanding students. By now there must have been at least a hundred different students to serve as members of the annual staff. They have all been great!"

Since 1975 the annual has been dedicated to Mr. Louie Coone, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Mary Herbert, and Mr. Douglas Green.

It is left up to the individual staff whether or not to dedicate the yearbook. Mrs. Bryan has always taken the negative position, but she has been overruled several times. As in all issues, majority rules. But when a decision is made, Mrs. Bryan insists that the staff present a united front and that it becomes everybody's decision.

The first editor of the yearbook, after Mrs. Bryan became sponsor, was Jeff Kelley in 1975. The other editors and the years they served are: Paul Nelson and Tracy Del, 1976; Nancy Helms, 1977; Kaye Cotter, 1978; Randy Wilson, 1979; Melinda Nelson, 1980; Rhonda Hussey, 1981; Steve McCarrall, 1982; Lauri Doster, 1983; and Ann Sawyer, 1984.

Mrs. Bryan had always had a Journalism class. During the class period the staff worked on the yearbook. Several years later, Mr. Green, the principal at the time, asked Mrs. Bryan if she would also sponsor the "Rebel News" printed in THE ELBA CLIPPER.

Lia Lowery was editor of the "Rebel News" the first year. She and Mrs. Bryan practically wrote the news page. Mrs. Bryan was not experienced in newspaper writing, so she retained a good Journalism textbook from Mrs. Mary Herbert. Mrs. Herbert was on a textbook adoption committee for the English department and had been sent the book as a complimentary copy.

Since Mrs. Bryan only had one copy of the textbook, she had to give a lot of notes and duplicate a lot of material. She had to do a lot of studying herself.

According to Philip, it is not difficult for him to attend school while holding down a full-time job. His grades do not suffer as a result of his hard work, and about having to be at work as early as 5:00 in the morning Philip says, "I like it. It's nice to be through by lunch."

Philip is the middle one of three sons of Waylon and Margie Kelley. After his graduation on May 25th, he plans to first (and most importantly!) Go to the beach. After the beach trip, he plans to either attend MacArthur Technical College to major in engineering or else to join the armed forces.

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All individuals have either type A, O, B, or AB blood. Each variation may be either positive or negative of Rh factor discovered by experiments with the Rhesus Monkey. In Mr. Lindsey's class there were several A, B, and O blood types. There were no AB blood types found. There were two students who were found to have the rare blood type B. Thirteen percent of the population of the United States has this blood type.

When asked why he included the experiment in his class, Mr. Lindsey said, "It provides students with knowledge of different blood types and procedures used to determine them."

Philip is absolutely indispensable at the Elba Hardee's. His hard work makes it plain to all that no matter

what type blood you have? A few of Zion Chapel's students will not ponder on this question any more.

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SPORTS

VIEW FROM

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, EDITOR

The Babe Ruth Baseball League opened its season last week and grabbing the opening week spotlight was A's pitcher Leon Coleman, who tossed a no-hitter in his team's opening night win over the Dodgers. Coleman, only 14 years old, used a sneaky fastball and a round-house curve to pull off the gem, and got plenty of support from his teammates. It was quite a way to start the season!

Recreation Director Dennis Smith stated last week the Men's Softball League would add a third round to the schedule, if the teams voted to do so. The teams have already expressed displeasure over the short schedule (14 games), so it looks as if a third round will be added.

While on the subject of softball, it looks like five teams will battle for the men's crown this summer. The Elba Exchange Bank is favored to win it all again, but the Hickory Pit has looked impressive early, and both Hickman and the Elba Merchants are solid teams. Kelley's Packing is young and improved, and could surprise ya. Those are my five contenders!

The Elba Athletic Club held its first annual Miss Tiger Football contest last weekend, and in my opinion the contest was a big success. A total of 42 girls entered the different age divisions, and while the number wasn't what had been hoped for, there was an overabundance of beauty! All the girls looked very pretty and the winners will, without a doubt, represent the Athletic Club and the 1984 football team well.

As president of the Athletic Club, I'd like to thank all the girls who entered, the merchants who were represented and everyone who helped in any way. With your help, the contest will go on forever!

The Church Softball League opened its season last week and each team showed a wide variety of players, as far as age goes. Some of the seasoned veterans included Wayne Harrison, Jerry Sheffield, Mickey Murdock, James Martin, Neil Henderson, Tom Dyess and Marvin McIlwain, while every team also included a couple of teenagers.

All the teams played surprisingly well in the opening week and it should get better and better. The church league plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so c'mon out and watch. It's one of the best shows in town!

C'mon Out To The Ballgames!!

Reds Claim Two Wins In Babe Ruth Baseball

The Babe Ruth Baseball League opened its season last week and the Reds moved quickly to the top with two wins. The standings show the Reds 2-0, A's 1-1, White Sox 1-1 and Dodgers 0-2.

The Reds pulled away late to claim a 10-7 win over the Dodgers in a game that was marred by 27 walks. The Dodgers scored six runs in the

opening innings to take the lead, but Scott Brown came in as relief and took control to lead the Red comeback.

Grappa Wise and Stan Sauls got two hits apiece for the Reds, while

Bobby Bowden scored twice for the Dodgers, who took advantage of 16 walks.

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Elba Exchange Bank & Hickory Pit Remain Unbeaten

The Men's Softball League completed its second week of play last week with the Elba Exchange Bank and the Hickory Pit emerging as the league's only unbeaten teams.

The Exchange Bank leads the league at 3-0, followed by the Hickory Pit 2-0. Kelley's Packing 2-1, Hickman Movers 1-1, Elba Merchants 1-1, Hammonds F. 1-2, Work Release 0-2, and Rebels 0-3.

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Socials

Miss Willis Weds Mr. Hurley April 19th



Mr. and Mrs. Hurley

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Willis of Elba, announce the marriage of their daughter, Benita Earl to Gregory Carl Hurley, son of William Hurley of Macon, Georgia and Patricia Pittillo of Asheville, N.C. on April 19, 1984.

Benita is the granddaughter of Ina Earl Hudson and the late Benjamin Hollis Brown of Elba, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lester Willis of Elba. She is a 1983 graduate of Elba High School and is presently attending Enterprise State Junior College.

The couple plans to make their home in Fort Polk, Louisiana, in June.



Seated: Vanessa Newman; Standing L-R: Mrs. Davis and Ms. Newman

Vanessa Newman Honored With Gift Tea

A gift tea was given Sunday afternoon, May 6, in the home of Mr. Willard Martin, honoring Ms. Vanessa Newman, bride-elect of Mr. Max Davis.

A black iron cage holding white doves, ivy and white lace bows was hung beside the front door to welcome visitors. Mrs. Joe English greeted the guests and introduced them to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. June Newman; her grandmother, Mrs. J.C. Pope; and Mrs. Malcom Davis, mother of the groom-to-be. Mrs. Mike McGuire presided over the bride's book.

Arrangements of summer cut flowers, ferns and potted plants were placed throughout the reception rooms, creating a festive scene.

The dining table was covered with a white embroidered linen and lace cloth. At one end were tall twin vases of pale pink roses and fern, interspersed with baby's breath. Punch was served from a cut glass



L-R: Mrs. Cash; honoree - Miss Blount; her mother, Mrs. Blount

Miss Blount Honored With Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

The Elba Country Club was the setting for a lovely miscellaneous bridal shower Sunday afternoon, May 6, between the hours of 2:30 and 4:00 honoring Miss Jane Blount, bride-elect of Russ Cash.

The door of the clubhouse was arresting with its decoration of a large floral arrangement featuring lovebirds, wedding bells and lilies-of-the-valley festooned with a large peach satin ribbon bow trailing streamers tied in love knots with small wedding bells in the honoree's chosen color. Provoking nostalgic interest, the arrangement was first used at a reception in the home of the T.K. Dorsey honoring the David Stokes' upon their marriage some years ago.

Upon entering the clubhouse, guests were graciously welcomed by Mesdames Ted Vaughan, Robert Fleming and Albert Lee, who alternately presided at the bridal registry table and who were seated in a high-backed fan-shaped natural wicker chair flanked by a potted fern in a natural wicker basket. The registry table was covered with a peach cloth overlaid with a white Army-Navy cloth on which was placed a double crystal bud vase holding peach silk spring flowers adorned with a peach ribbon bow trailing streamers.

Guests were presented to the receiving line which was composed of the bride-to-be, Miss Blount, mother of the groom-to-be, Mrs. Russell Cash; and mother of the honoree, Mrs. Joe Blount of Troy. Miss Blount was attired in a royal blue softly pleated, loose-flowing straight dress which she accented with a pearl necklace and matching earrings.

Mrs. Cash was becomingly dressed in a navy one-piece belted dress featuring a white scalloped collar edged with baby lace.

Mrs. Blount was striking in a fuscia linen outfit with a white silk blouse featuring a large softly draped bow at the neck.

They both wore shoulder corages of peach silk gardenias. The room was aglow with the soft light of burning peach bridal tapers and the decor was highlighted by the profusion of potted ferns set in natural and white wicker and brass basket stands and a large gracefully drooping split-leaf philodendron.

In one corner of the large room was a grouping of white wicker furniture, surrounded by potted ferns in white wicker baskets.

On a wicker table in front of the wicker loveseat sat a brandy snifter, holding water and floating lighted peach flower candles.

At one end of the room a Weeping Fig tree and tall corn plant flanked an Oriental natural bamboo open woodwork screen.

On another wall the brick backdrop of the large open fireplace was gaily festooned with swags of peach colored bows from which were suspended clusters of peach wedding bells. The open hearth of the fireplace was banked with a row of potted ferns.

The white wrought iron punch table was skirted with a peach Army-Navy cloth. Punch was served from a large sterling punch bowl on a matching round sterling tray and surrounded by crystal footed punch glasses. The peach-colored fruit punch, which featured a fruit ice ring made by Mrs. T.K. Dorsey, was served by Mesdames Joel Matthews and Tim Bradshaw. The punch bowl and tray is a family heirloom of the T.K. Dorsey family, having once belonged to the late Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Sr., known as "Miss Auntie."

The refreshment table was similarly decorated with a peach Army-Navy cloth and held crystal and silver appointments filled with dainty white frosted petit fours decorated with peach roses, assorted nuts, handmade peach and white bridal mints and cheese wafers. Focal point of the table was a sterling four-branched candelabra holding lighted peach tapers interspersed with pink silk dogwood, tiger lilies, gypsophila and ornamented with a peach ribbon bow and streamers. Standing on the table in a place of honor was a cherished keepsake, the china bride and groom figurines which had adorned the wedding cake of Mrs. Russell Cash at her wedding. Serving at this table were Mrs. Nelson Whitehurst, Mrs. Roy Davis and Mrs. Paul King.

Magnolia Garden Club Meets Recently

Members of the Magnolia Garden Club met May 3, 1984, at the Levee Restaurant. Members were greeted and served a refreshing strawberry punch by the hostesses, Mrs. Everett Kelley, Mrs. Foy Spurlin, and Mrs. Kenneth Strong. After a relaxing social hour, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch.

During the business session led by the president, Mrs. P.H. Sellers, members voted to make donations to the Elba Rescue Squad and to MAST Helicopter.

The following new officers were installed: President, Mrs. E.M. Warr; Vice-president, Mrs. Pat McFadden; Secretary, Mrs. L.F. Inman; Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Martin; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Marsh; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Paul Windham; Historian, Mrs. Everett Kelley.

Other members attending included Mrs. M.O. Brueckner, Mrs. Lister Brunson, Mrs. Sam Collier, Mrs. Robert Cooper, Mrs. R.D. Easters, Mrs. Stan Marsh, Mrs. Bill Martin, Mrs. M.W. Miles and Mrs. J.E. Tucker.

Elba High Band To Present Concert Under The Stars

The Elba High School Band will present their annual Spring concert tonight (Thursday), May 10, beginning at 7 o'clock in the high school stadium, "under the stars."

The first half of the concert will feature the Symphonic Band performing several of the selections they have performed during the year. After a brief intermission the Concert and Symphonic Bands will combine to perform a much lighter "poppy" program. Some of the selections will include "Send in the Clowns," "Say Say Say," and "Instant Concert," a collection of familiar musical themes set in a humorous composition.

The concert is being dedicated to the citizens of Elba in recognition of the outstanding support they have given during the year.

In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the gymnasium. It is free.



Daniel Stokes celebrated his first birthday April 28 with a party featuring a Tom and Jerry theme. Refreshments served were party cake, chips and ice cream. He received many nice gifts.



Tessa Leigh Phelps will celebrate her first birthday Saturday, May 12. She is the daughter of Danny and Jan Phelps, of Elba, Rt. 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M.L. King of dothan, and Mrs. Frank Phelps, Elba.

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With Love
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STORM SWEEPS THROUGH ELBA... A severe thunderstorm packing high winds ripped through Elba Monday, May 21, and caused considerable damage to trees throughout the downtown area. In the picture above city utility workers try to avoid power lines as they cut limbs from a fallen tree at the home of Bill Stokes. The storm dumped over an inch of rain on Elba in only a matter of hours, flooding many downtown streets.

P & S Members Tell State Official Of Understaffing

The Coffee County Board of Pensions and Security held its quarterly meeting on Thursday morning, May 10, in Elba, and heard Ms. Patsy Jones, regional manager for the State Dept. of Pensions and Security, tell of the organization of the state department.

"The State P & S Dept. was recently reorganized," stated Jones, "and the state board is appointing a governor. The commissioner is the head of the department, whose responsibilities are divided into four offices: (1) Economic Assistance, (2) Field Management, (3) Social Services and (4) Program Support."

Ms. Jones also explained the responsibilities of each office and listed the bureaus under each office. These include:

Economic Assistance - food

assistance, child support and public assistance;

Field Management - quality control, county operations and staff development;

Social Services - adult services, family and children's services, and family management and data processing.

"We at the state level are very pleased with the P & S program in the county," added Jones, "and the local staff is doing good work in all areas. The recent Food Stamp review was excellent."

When asked about understaffing at the county office, Ms. Jones replied, "I know you need more workers, but there just isn't enough to go around. Gov. Wallace has implemented a staff hiring freeze, and right now we're not adding state

employees. Due to the limitations on staff and funding the state must restrict services to those mandated by law. It is frustrating to all involved."

"We have pride and want our people to do the best job possible," said County P & S Board Chairman Fred Donaldson. "We want more people so we can offer more programs to our people. It is frustrating to be on a board and make suggestions to better serve the people and then see no progress."

County P & S director Ron Smith echoed the sentiment of Donaldson and stated, "Our four people are doing the work of 8-10 people and I fear of job burnout. The pressure is great, and I wouldn't be surprised if, at any time a worker quit due to the mountain of work she must do. Additional help is needed now."

In other action at the meeting, the board:

***heard Probate Judge Marion Brunson report renovation work on the County P & S building would begin in June or July, using county labor and \$10,000 in state funds;

***heard Ron Smith state from January 23 to April 16 the P & S Department had only three workers to serve 38,000 people;

***was told Gene Lindsey, minister of the College Avenue Church of Christ (in Enterprise) had agreed to assist in implementing the THEOS program; and

***was informed the Humanitarian Services Committee was working on an agency directory, church directory and civic organization and volunteer directory.

Members of the county Board of Pensions and Security are Fred Donaldson, Z.L. Fleming, Mike Thomas, L.P. Hussey, Mack Williams, Myrna Rhoades and Hope Lane.

State Pensions and Security official Patsy Jones explains organization of state department. County P & S director Ron Smith is pictured at left.

Mims Resigns Chamber Post

Paula Stokes-Mims, the director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, has resigned the position to become the Public

Elba Man Arrested For Recent Theft Of Boat

Timothy James Hill of Elba was arrested last week and charged with taking a boat from the home of Mike Holland, Rt. 1, Jack. He was charged on a county warrant but the case was worked by both county officials and Elba police.

Elba Police Chief John White said Hill signed a statement admitting taking the 15-foot Cagun boat with 90hp motor, valued at \$5500.

The boat was taken from Holland's home on Highway 167, just south of K & S Service Station about 11 a.m. Thursday, according to Holland. He reported the boat missing after returning home later in the day.

White credited Deputy Billy McKinnon and Elba policeman Buddy Ammons for the swift solution to the matter.

City & County Officials Vow Aid In Construction

The long awaited construction at the Coffee County Public Lake took a step closer to becoming a reality last week when city and state officials toured the grounds in an attempt to finalize the locations of the various additions.

Mr. Jon C. Strickland, Grant Administrator of Plans and Programs Section of the State Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, was in Elba to meet with local officials and reported a total of \$150,000 in funds was expected to be allocated for the renovation project at the lake.

"This is a good co-op project," stated Strickland, "with \$75,000 coming from Land and Conservation Funds and \$75,000 coming from the Game and Fish Division. With help from both the City of Elba and the county on site preparation, it really becomes a multi-faceted project."

"I am here today to look at the site and find out what needs to be constructed and where it should be placed," said Strickland. Some proposed improvements include a boat launch, piers, pavilions, camping areas and recreational facilities. I think it is an exciting project!"

"The city will provide road crews to do some work on the grounds," said Elba Mayor Bob English, "and we'll use city equipment when it is available. The improvements will expand opportunities for enjoyment for people in Elba and we want to help any way we can."

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Judge Hit With \$20,000 Lawsuit

The Coffee County District Attorney's Office revealed last week that it had filed a suit against former Probate Judge James L. Sawyer for payment of a \$20,613.42 shortage of probate funds that occurred during his final term in office.

Two former probate office clerks were arrested in connection with the missing funds; however, according to state auditors Sawyer must pay off the shortage because as the head of

the probate office he was legally responsible.

Named in the suit along with Sawyer are the Home Indemnity Co., a bonding company, and other unidentified parties listed as A, B, C and X, Y, Z.

The fund shortage was discovered in early 1983 when a routine audit was performed prior to Sawyer's leaving office.

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Elba Recreation Director Dennis Smith discusses construction plans at Coffee County Lake with Jon C. Strickland, grant administrator of Plans and Programs Section of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Elba Mayor Bob English, and Marion Brunson, chairman of the Coffee County Commission, pledged county support with equipment and declared, "If there's money available we want it in Coffee County!"

Before visiting the county lake, Strickland explained the funding process was now in the "application stage" and said it could be one year before actual work begins.

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